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BIG COCKING MAIN NOT TO BE STAGED; TOO MUCH PUBLICITY

Sports of Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio Forced to Forget Schedule

PANCAKE PROPOSED LOCATION

Peaceful Washington County Village To Have Been Scene of Great Mills New Year's Eve—Somebody Told, Arrangements All Off.

What promised to be one of the most thrilling little cocking mains that ever sensationalized western Pennsylvania will not be pulled off New Year's eve according to schedule at Pancake or Laboratory, a quiet and peaceful little village adjoining Washington to the southeast. Somebody has "went and told" as the comic papers would ungrammatically say and that has spoiled it all.

All arrangements had been quietly made and a number of exciting bouts had been billed for the affair. Now the scene of action may be shifted to a place less conducive to the glare of publicity or else called off altogether much to the disappointment of invited fans.

Eastern Ohio, Wheeling and Pittsburg sports, with first-class aid from other points in western Pennsylvania have been pulling off a few chicken bouts in the vicinity of Wheeling recently and they are said to have invitations out—verbal of course—for a private little affair to be staged in Wheeling somewhere on Christmas day. The same crowd was backing the Pancake show. They figure that Pancake was an ideal spot for the meet as it was centrally located, while at the same time its proximity to Washington would ward off any suspicions among the town folk at the presence of quite a few strangers. The plans were laid with precision and care, until somebody told, and a newspaper published a little item of the thing, then it was all off. Pancake will have to get along without its chief and most exclusive social affair New Year's eve and the death squawk of the punctured game and the crow of the victory will not greet the glad New Year's morn.

The last chicken fights that got into print were not at Pancake, but at Fayette City, where somebody told and several got pinched. Since that time there has not been very much activity in the game chicken business in the Monongahela valley, though at times news has cropped out of a few planned fights.

"Stop! look and listen!" Before you buy your Christmas Jewelry drop in and look over our stock where prices and merchandise are sure to be right. Porter's, 502 Fallowfield avenue, Charleroi, Pa. 161t1—*

National Erector Contest ends Jan. 1, 1916. Now Boys! Hurry! Berrymans. 159-tf

Sweaters, Toques, Sweaters, Vests. R. O. Vetter. 159-t5

Wanted—Men and Women to come in and look over our Christmas gifts Taylors 522 Fallowfield avenue, Charleroi. 158-t6—*

BAPTISTS ARRANGING SPECIAL PROGRAM BEGINNING DEC. 31

Local and Visiting Pastors to Speak—Watch Meeting to be Held Inaugurating in New Year.

A two weeks series of meetings is being arranged at the First Baptist church, beginning with a watch meeting December 31, from 8 o'clock until after 12. These exercises will consist of music, speaking and a general good social time. Light refreshments will be served. The meeting will be closed at midnight with a consecration meeting.

Sunday, January 2 will be known as a Perfect Attendance day in the Bible school and church. Bible school at 9:45 will be followed by an address by Rev. R. A. Hutchinson of Pittsburg. A week of prayer will be started that Sunday evening by the pastor, Rev. W. G. Carl. Services will be held every week. Among the speakers will be Rev. W. G. Mead, Rev. E. N. Duty, and Rev. C. P. Bastian of local churches. During the second week Rev. W. S. Carson of Monessen, Rev. Arthur Gee of Brownsville and probably others from out of town will speak.

DONORA WANTS NEW FIRE TRUCK

Citizens Like Way Charleroi's Whizzed to Monongahela to Recent Fire

HENCE THEY ARE FIGURING

Donora is in line for a new fire truck. The Daily American of that borough says:

"Citizens are clamoring for better fire protection since the big blaze at Monongahela. One of the chief topics of conversation since Saturday has been Donora's lack of fire fighting apparatus and risk the town is running in not being better prepared. A prominent citizen said last night, 'The fire in the Stewart building and the fire at Monongahela have given us two warnings to prepare. We shouldn't wait for another one.'

"The wonderful work being done by fire trucks owned in Brownsville, Charleroi, Monessen and Monongahela is being discussed. When an appeal was made to Charleroi for assistance the Monessen police were asked to clear the streets through town and with Henry Lowstuter driving the big machine was whirled through Monessen at the rate of 70 miles an hour. The truck was driven down the new road across the Donora bridge and to Monongahela and in 22 minutes after the power was turned on the machine was throwing water on the fire at Monongahela.

"The same truck recently made the trip from Charleroi to the Belle Vernon glass factory, where a fire was in progress and was throwing water on the flames seven minutes after the start was made. The machine recently took a standing start at the Pennsylvania depot in Charleroi and climbed Fifth street on high gear. Monessen's truck is geared down more but can take any hill in the town with full equipment and the whole fire department as fast as any pleasure car can do it.

"Donora may get the assistance of all these departments, as Monongahela did, but property owners and taxpayers are not overly anxious to take the chance. Sentiment is being aroused all over town in favor of getting better fire equipment. The claim is that increased fire fighting facilities will decrease the insurance rates and in this way soon give back to the people the cost of such a machine."

DIES AS RESULT OF MEXICAN EXPERIENCES

Monongahela Man Succumbs to Paralysis Contracted When Chased by Insurgents Two Years Ago in Warring Country to South

After suffering for almost two years from paralysis due to exposure and hardships undergone at the time of his expulsion from Sonora, Mexico, at the hands of the Insurgents, William Arthur McGough, aged 61 years, died Tuesday night at the home of his sister, Mrs. Henry Bergman and Miss Katherine McGough, East Main street, Monongahela. The funeral services were held at the late home Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Interment was in the Monongahela cemetery.

Until two years ago, Mr. McGough had resided in Sonora, Mexico. He had considerable property there and was prospering. At the time of the first serious uprising of the Insurgents that led finally to a warlike move on the part of the United States. Mr. McGough's property was confiscated and he was compelled to flee for his life. He lost his farm and all his live stock being forced to look on while the Insurgents killed his drove of mules and prepared them for eating.

He made his way to Guaymas, Mexico, and from that place went to San Francisco where he suffered a paralytic stroke, believed to be the direct result of the fearful experiences through which he had passed during his flight from the enraged Mexicans. When he recovered sufficiently, he came east as far as Hutchinson, Kansas, where he had a farm. While there he suffered a second stroke which paralyzed his entire right side and destroyed the power of speech.

In September of this year Mrs. Bergman went to Kansas and brought him to Monongahela. His strength failed rapidly and death followed the third stroke last evening.

Mr. McGough was born at Parkersburg, W. Va., August 6, 1854, the son of James and Sarah Jane McGough. He went to Mexico when a young man and had been engaged in the contracting business.

He leaves four sisters, Mrs. W. G. Conn, of Point Marion; Mrs. G. E. Albrecht of Connellsville, and Mrs. Henry Bergman and Miss Katherine McGough of Monongahela.

MONESSEN PAY TO BE QUARTER OF MILLION

Christmas Sum of Much Consequence Being Disbursed at Mills and Industries of Neighboring Steel Town—Steel Company Pay Large.

Within the next two days approximately $250,000 will be paid out by the Monessen mills to their employes. This is one of the largest two week pays ever recorded at the Christmas season.

The Pittsburg Steel and Pittsburg Steel Products company heads the list and today will pay out over $160,000 to their employes. The Tin mill, although not working full turns for some time past on account of the shortage of acid will pay out $40,000 Friday morning. The Page mill will also pay Friday and approximately $32,000 will be given the employes at this plant. The Carnegie Steel mill, one of the smallest but most active industries in the city will pay $10,000 to their employes Thursday.

The Monessen Foundry will pay $6,800, the Westmoreland Lumber company, $1,000, the Monessen Steam Laundry, $1,000, the Independent Brewing company, $8.00 and the Box factory about $500. In addition to the above, clerks in stores, office men and other employes about town will receive approximately $2,000.

TWO RESIDENTS AND A FORMER RESIDENT DIE

Mrs. Matthews' Demise Occurs in Brooklyn, and Death of Two Others Take Place at County Seat—One a War Veteran.

Three well known people who at the time of death or formerly lived in Washington county died during the last two days.

Mrs. Frances P. Mathews, widow of the late William J. Mathews of Washington died Tuesday at her home in Brooklyn, N. Y., after a brief illness, in the eighty-eighth year of her age. Her body will be brought to Washington for burial and funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p. m., in the First Presbyterian church in charge of the pastor, Rev. Dr. Slemmons, assisted by Rev. Dr. T. R. Alexander and Rev. Dr. J. D. Moffat who will deliver the address. The interment will be private in the Mathews plot in the Washington cemetery at a later hour.

D. P. Leonard, aged 76 years and a veteran of the Civil war, died at his home at Washington place about 2 o'clock Wednesdaay afternoon. Mr. Leonard suffered a paralytic stroke about two years ago and since that time had been confined to his bed. During the past few months he had

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Never Too Late.

To get those nice gold glasses for the old folks for Xmas. Examination free by graduate optometrician. John B. Schafer. 164-tf—*

Porter is specializing in Christmas gifts this year. You can't go very far wrong if you do your shopping at Porters, 502 Fallowfield avenue, Charleroi, Pa. 162-t1—*

COUNTY COAL OPERATORS PLAN EXEMPTION FROM INSURANCE

MONONGAHELA WOMAN DIES AT RIPE OLD AGE OF 84

Mrs. Collins Succumbs to Infirmities Of Old Age at Her Home—Lived For Time in West Newton.

Mrs. Mary Jane Collins, widow of C. F. Collins, died at Monongahela Tuesday evening at her home in Chess street, aged 84 years. Death was due to infirmities of old age. The funeral services were held at the late home Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment was in the Monongahela cemetery.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brown, Mrs. Collins was born in Allegheny in 1831. In 1849 she was united in marriage with C. F. Collins who died about nine years ago. For a time after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Collins lived at West Newton then they came to Monongahela and Mrs. Collins had since made her home there.

Mrs. Collins was a member of the First Presbyterian church of Monongahela and was one of the town's well known residents.

The following children survive: Charles B., of Pittsburg; Perry E., at home; John D., and Frank K., and Mrs. A. R. Day and Mrs. Nellie Fell, of Monongahela.

JURY INQUIRES INTO FIRE CAUSE

Inquest Held Into Death of Donnelly, Who Was Burned to Death

MUCH LOAFING ABOUT PLACE

That the disastrous Monongahela fire of last Friday night, destroying the H. H. Young livery and storage barn and contents was due in a measure to the activities of certain ones who have been in the habit of loafing in the barn, is the opinion of the coroner's jury which sat in the inquest held this morning into the death of William Donnelly, bettter known as Jacob Bowden.

The verdict rendered was as follows: "We the jury sitting in the death of William Donnelly find that he came to his death on December 17 from the effects of burns sustained in a fire at the H. H. Young barn, where he was intoxicated and sleep-

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MAJESTIC THEATRE

The Majestic today is offering the "Dust of Egypt," a great 6 part Masterpiece. Featuring the well known stars Edith Storey and Antonio Moreno in a Blue Ribbon Vitagraph feature with full orchestra. "Get the Majestic Habit." 162-t1

COUNTY COAL OPERATORS PLAN EXEMPTION FROM INSURANCE

To Meet Expenses Extra Charge of Four Cents Per Ton Will be Levied

CONSIDER STATE RATES HIGH

State Exempts About 60 Companies And Large Employers of Labor—Adjudged Financially Able To Meet All Their Claims.

Washington county coal operators will carry their own workmen's compensation and the consumers will pay the toll, according to plans now under consideration and being worked out. The plan is to create individual funds, subscribed to and maintained by groups of operators, administered through the organization thus effected and secured by bonds filed with the state as required by law. The plan has also been adopted by single companies, as it is figured that the individual risk involved would be much less costly than subscribing to the state fund or the stock casualty insurance companies at the existing rates.

To meet the expense of the insurance the coal companies plan, it is understood, to levy an extra charge of four cents per ton on all coal mined. This amount has been tentatively fixed upon but will be increased if it is found not sufficient to cover the expense.

The Washington county operators or the most of them are of the opinion that the state and casualty company rates are too high for Washington county, though they admit that the average is fair for the state as a whole. However, it is claimed that rates that would apply to Washington county alone with its higher safety standards and its lower accident percentages, would be very much less costly. For that reason a preference is shown for the direct insurance plan.

About 60 companies and other large employers of labor have been exempted by the state insurance board from taking out insurance under the new workingmen's compensation law, they having been adjudged financially able to meet any claims made on them under the terms of the act.

Follow the crow they will all be on their way to Porters to do their Christmas shopping tomorrow. Porters, 502, Fallowfield avenue, Charleroi. 162-t1-

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PUT END TO FOOLISHNESS

Lawyer Who Knew Human Nature Settled Squabble Over Line Fence in a Few Minutes.

A good lawyer learns many lessons in the school of human nature, and thus it was that Lawyer Hackett did not fear to purchase the tract of land which, says the Lewiston Journal had been "lawed over" for years.

Some of the people would ask why he wanted to get hold of property with such an air-cube of uncertainty upon it. Others thought that perhaps he wanted some legal knitting done, and would pitch in red hot to get that line-fence question on his own book.

That's what the owner of the adjoining land thought. So he braced himself for trouble when he saw Hackett coming across the fields one day.

Said Hackett: "What's your claim here, anyway, as to this fence?"

"I insist," replied the neighbor, "that your fence is over on my land two feet at one end and one foot at least at the other end."

"Well," replied Hackett, "you go ahead just as quick as you can and set your fence over. At the end where you say that I encroach on you two feet, set the fence on my land two feet. At the other end, push it on my land two feet."

"But," persisted the neighbor, "that's twice what I claim."

"I don't care about that, sir," Hackett. "There's been fight enough over this land. I want you to take your land so you are perfectly satisfied, and then we can get along pleasantly. Go ahead and help yourself."

The man paused abashed. He had been ready to commence the old struggle, tooth and nail, but this move of the new neighbor stunned him. Yet he wasn't to be outdone in generosity. He looked at Hackett.

"Squire," said he, "that fence ain't going to be moved an inch. I don't want the land. There wasn't nothin' in the fight, anyway, but the principle of the thing."—Unidentified.

FISH HAVE NOVEL WEAPONS

Among Them Is the Power to Generate Electricity to a Most Remarkable Degree.

Fishes that discharge electric currents from their eyes; other denizens of the deep who entrap their prey by enveloping it in an electric fluid and eels whose power of generating electricity is so great that the arm of a strong man is numbed from contact with one of them—all these were described by Dr. Ulric Dahlgreen before the members of the Franklin institute at Philadelphia. Doctor Dahlgreen talked on "Production of Electricity by Animals." And he pointed out that it was only by fish that electricity was produced by living organisms for any apparent use, with the single exception of a mollusk found in Asia Minor.

"The fishes mentioned as capable of shocking other members of the finny tribe by electric flashes from their eyes were along the coast of New Jersey, he said. Some of the electric eels found in South American waters, Doctor Dahlgreen explained, were capable of generating a current of more than 600 volts, although they could, as a rule, deliver not more than 250 volts, because of the resistance of their own bodies.

Certain torpedo fishes were described by Doctor Dahlgreen as capable of generating electricity in sufficient quantities to numb their enemies and also to facilitate the capture of their prey.

Always Answer to Dreams.

For every possible dream you will always find someone who knows the answer. Superstition seems grounded into our composite natures. But if the subject should take hold of you and if some omen should worry you there is a simple way to shed your distress and turn all bad luck into good luck.

This system is recommended by the best of authorities and has never been known to fail. To turn everything to your advantage and enjoy the fullness of the earth there is just one thing to do. It is quite simple, but it will offset any evil influence that has been working against you.

This bit of knowledge comes down from the ancients. Here it is:

Wear a piece of coral around your neck and you can't go wrong.

Performs Double Service.

Intended to perform a double service, a laundry package has been invented that may be used both for the delivery of fresh linen and the subsequent return of soiled articles. It consists of a lidless pasteboard box, in which the laundry is placed, and a substantial paper envelope for the whole. The sack may be hung up in the home and used as a receptacle for soiled linens. In this way it serves another purpose—that of an advertising medium for the company employing it.

Serious Effect of Worry.

The effect of worry upon the internal glands has not been fully studied. Enough is known, however, to assure the physician that it affects the secretions of these glands very seriously through the sympathetic nerves. It thus becomes an important agent in producing exophthalmic goitre and a train of other ills that can only be defined when the real functions of the glands in question are more adequately studied.

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MINK HAS VARIED TALENTS

Web-Footed Animal Can Climb Trees and Go a-Fishing; Also Is Valuable Prey.

Very talented is the animal. He can climb trees like a squirrel, swim like a fish, dig like a mole and kill chickens like a weasel. In addition he is endowed with an unusually fine fur, which makes him valuable prey for the hunter. He's more or less common along woodland streams, and altogether too common in the neighborhood of the farmer's poultry yards. We call him the mink.

Although he can dig as good a burrow as any other animal, the mink sometimes chooses to steal a muskrat's home rather than build one for himself, a writer in the Philadelphia North American states. To avoid future trouble with the ousted muskrat, the mink kills and eats him.

Usually he prefers to make his home along the banks of a stream or at the foot of a waterfall. Sometimes, when his taste for poultry becomes cultivated, he will establish himself under the farmer's barn to be near his food supply. He can track his prey like a hound. Besides poultry, he has a taste for rats, mice, fish and frogs.

To aid him in his fishing, the mink has partly webbed feet. His sharp claws help him in climbing trees, and sometimes he will attack birds in their nests. He is a little more than twelve inches long, has a dark brown fur and a light spot on his throat. Before sealskin became popular a single skin of the mink was worth from $10 to $12.

Seemed a Good Proposition.

"Yes," sighed the beautiful heiress, "my romance has been shattered beyond all repair. And the cruel parent was responsible for all my suffering."

We sympathized and begged her to go on.

"My suitor was young and handsome, clever. True, he had no money. But he had everything else, and oh! he loved me. My father couldn't see—" "Your father is a business man and he could not understand that true worth and poverty are not incompatible. He demanded that I dismiss my lover; he fretted and fumed whenever he be called."

"I told him all my father had said against him. I repeated to him my father's remark that he would give $5,000 if I would never see him again."

"And what did he say to that?"

"He—he asked when father could be found in his office."

A Continual Christmas

Let no pleasure tempt thee, no profit allure thee, no ambition corrupt thee, no example sway thee, no persuasion move thee to do anything thou knowest to be evil; so shalt thou always live jollily, for a good conscience is a continual Christmas.—Benjamin Franklin.

Fasting at Christmas

When Cromwell ruled England he issued an edict against all festivities at Christmas. The festival was altogether abolished and the display of holly and mistletoe and other emblems of the happy time held to be seditious.

The Yule Log

The observance of lighting the Yule log from the remnants of the previous Christmas log can probably be traced to the ancient belief in the efficacy of fire, which was supposed never to be extinguished. It is a link in the chain that binds us to bygone times when, to quote Max Muller, "the hearth was the first altar, the father the first elder, his wife and children and slaves the first congregation."

ANIMAL TO BE LEFT ALONE

Porcupine Strictly Defensive, but a Dreaded Foe When It Comes to Close Quarters.

Perhaps you will come to the conclusion that this animal is more interesting to read about than to meet in the woods, the Philadelphia North American says. But don't worry—there are not many of him left. If he were common he might become, along with the rattlesnake, the emblem of the apostles of preparedness, for he carries a veritable arsenal around with him on his back. He is called the porcupine.

The only American member of the family is the Canadian porcupine, which occasionally wanders southward into the mountains of Pennsylvania.

Covering his body from head to foot are sharp spines, or quills, varying from one to four inches in length. When the porcupine is undisturbed the quills lie flat against the body like hair. Approach him, and the spines become erect, pointing outward like a thousand bayonets.

Ancient writers handed down fanciful stories about how the porcupine could throw one of these quills from the body. He doesn't possess this power, however. He's wholly a defensive animal.

Sometimes a dog, unacquainted with this terror of the forest, will pounce upon him like he would on a rabbit. Immediately there's a howl of pain—from the dog, not the porcupine. The quills are covered with barbs, and once they are imbedded in another animal they work their way farther in, sometimes causing death.

The quills of the Canadian porcupine are hidden by a covering of hair. He makes his home in hollow trees or in caverns, and eats vegetables and bark from trees.

Might Need Them.

"After de sarmint, t'mor' night, Brudder Simmons," said old Deacon Whang, "we'all is gwine to have a rousin' 'zanner meetin', and burn up yo' paragraphs, bless de Lawd!"

"Burn up which, sah?" returned Goat Simmons, the recently converted gambling man, in considerable astonishment.

"Yo' gamblin' paragraphs, sah. When a spo'tin' man gits converted and washed whiter dan snow dey aling burns up his kyahds and dice and sich scan'lous stuff as dat 'midst loud shouts o' praise. De Lawd is wid 'em, and de gamblin' brudder steps fo'th and flings his paragraphs on de fiah and stands with bowed heads whilst—"

"Not me, sah! I ain't gwine to do no sich-uh thing!"

"But, muh goodness, brudder, yo am converted, isn't you, and—"

"Yassahr! I's sho' converted, but dat don't make me a blame' foo!! I mought backslide an' need dat stuff!"—Kansas City Star.

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"Metaphysicianess."

Mary Mitford appears to have had a weakness for coining words with unnecessary female terminations. On one occasion she writes about "a young creature full of grace and beauty, living in London like a hermitess and teaching her little brothers Greek," and elsewhere she tells of "a most elegant young woman, negotiatrix of the forgeries." Worst of all is a passage in a letter to Sir William Elford in which she says. "I believe, my dear Sir William, that you will not need one to come from the grave to inform you that I am a metaphysicianess (is there such a word?)"

Putting It Up to Father.

After several unsuccessful attempts to draw her husband into conversation at the restaurant, the wife discovered the cause of his abstraction to be a beautiful girl dressed in black and seated at a nearby table.

"An attractive widow," observed the wife, coolly.

"Yes, indeed, a very attractive widow," agreed the husband, enthusiastically

"Yes," sighed the wife. "I wish I were one. —Ladies' Home Journal.

Traveling cases, $1.25 to $10.00. R. O. Vetter. 159-t5.

Boys the Erector Prize Contest ends Jan 1, 1910. Don't fail to get right to work. We made an error in other add. Get Erector Outfit at Berrymans, Charleroi. 159-tf.

Christmas Among The Wealthy Kiddies

CHRISTMAS in Millionaire row! Is it a day spent in fairyland, where one has but to wish and all sorts of lovely things come tumbling down from somewhere?

Does Santa Claus come decked in gold and diamonds when he dashes over the roof tops as the little children of the rich lie softly cradled in their beds? Not a bit of it. Santa is the same jolly old saint when he drops down the chimneys of Fifth avenue, New York, as when he leaves a toy on the ash strewn hearths of the east side. He knows that, although the big nurseries and playrooms of the avenue already hold stacks of toys and beautiful things, somehow when the flavor of fir and holly is in the air there is the same thrill in the hearts of the tots in fur and velvet as in those in cotton. And blessed old Santa smiles on both!

To all youngsters, rich or poor—yes, and old or young—he is the embodiment of the blessed Yuletide spirit which brightens the entire year.

Largest Selection In Charleroi

Lowest Prices in the Monongahela valley. It is an old saying that you can save from

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SAFETY AT CROSSINGS.

A special committee named by the American Railway Association to consider means for the prevention of accidents at grade crossings has had some interesting tests made, says the Pittsburg Dispatch. Reports received regarding the actions of drivers of 17,021 motor vehicles in approaching crossings at widely separated points show that 70 per cent looked neither to the right nor to the left before crossing, that less than three per cent looked only one way and less than 28 per cent looked in both directions. Nineteen per cent dashed across the tracks at a reckless rate of speed, and but 35 out of the more than 17,000 actually stopped before crossing.

This justifies the belief expressed by the committee that the increasing number of crossing accidents is due to the automobile, or rather to the carelessness of motorists themselves. That is a parallel of the report concerning traffic accidents in New York City, which found that the great majority of street accidents was due to the carelessness of pedestrians.

The motorist who is annoyed at the recklessness of the careless foot passenger on the streets may, therefore, reflect that when it is his own turn to be careful, in the presence of similar danger, he is not any better. The advice to pedestrians to stop and look both ways before crossing a street is just as much needed by the speeding motorist approaching a grade crossing. In one case the pedestrian blames the motorist and in the other the railroad is blamed when, in nine cases out of 10, probably the victims were themselves most to blame.

Entirely withholding due criticism from public service concerns is not altogether wise, as past experiences have proven. Many concerns, everlastingly chasing the almighty dollar to utter disregard for the public, have the deplorable tendency to substitute cheap service for good service. It is to watch such concerns that the public service commissions of different states have been constituted, primarily, and some of these time the diliatory long distance operator may be asked to make a long distance connection with some member of that body in an effort at improvement of something. A little kick and a little jolt once in a while won't hurt.

County and borough affairs will be re-organized the first of the year, and naturally some changes may be expected. However there are anticipated few changes in borough affairs since the present force has proven entirely adequate and competent. If there has been any mismanagement of borough matters within the last two years, it has not been through intentional neglect. In county affairs Monongahela valley people are interested in their newly elected county officers, John O. Watson and A. P. Barnum as county commissioners. Frank B. Wickerham as sheriff, and James T. Heffran as coroner. Careful conduct of important offices, with an eye glued chiefly to the interests of the county is anticipated by their hundreds of friends and there will be no disappointment.

After Christmas is over and a memory, stock taken and finances tabulated, merchants will find the present season to have been the best in history. Buying has been keener this Christmas time than ever before. And the people are pleased. The prosperous Christmas spirit bids fair to continue and make brighter the year to come, as it should.

Sanity in Christmas giving should be seconded only by sanity in Christmas sending. Perhaps at that there is less sense shown in the latter than in the former, indicating a woeful state of affairs. Many of us are prone to purchase a precious piece of glassware, wrap it in a sheet or two of paper, put it loosely in a box and mail it, without the least realization of the carelessness of our act. The present, kindly intended, arrives looking like broken Europe after two wars or else fails entirely to put in appearance at the point to which it is consigned. The loss is ours, though we do not always hear of it. Uncle Sam decimes to pay any person for carelessness. He considers that a package insecurely wrapped and tied and uninsured is not worth while being responsible for and he is right.

Chancellor Samuel Black McCormick of the University of Pittsburg and one of the best known men of the east considers a minister of the gospel should keep free of political entanglements, on the theory that he is entering a field where he is a mere pigmy in the hands of oftentimes unscrupulous giants. Probably the answer would be that a minister is a man and a citizen and every citizen's duty is to take an active part in political affairs. However, Chancellor McCormick has in mind the sort of minister of the gospel who enters politics for personal ends or to gain what he feels is a proper reform. There is no objection to any minister taking an interest in political affairs and being active any more than there is any other man, if he will only be reasonable about it.

"If a man is unwilling or refuses to give back anything to the community, when he owes the community everything, he is nothing better than an ordinary porch climber." Such in effect were the words of an expert in development work on a recent visit to Charleroi. What he says is gospel. There are a certain lot in every community coming under this class Charleroi is not excepted in the least from the common run of towns or cities The crowd is here. There are those who have been energetically developing Charleroi by attracting trade in. They have carried out extensive advertising campaigns, and consistently plugged year in and year out. They have reaped their harvest of course. But what of the crowd sitting back, grinning sardonically and waiting They have reaped a harvest too, but it has been a harvest illy won. They have reaped where they have not sown and have carefully selected and stolen away the good. The community has developed, but to them belongs no credit. They have been and are the advertising parasites.

DAILY AMERICAN PUTS IN ITS APPEARANCE

The Daily American a production of the Donora American office at Donora is the latest journalistic enterprise in the Monongahela valley. Of neat appearance and filled with bright newsy features, it shows promise. The editors of the publication are the same as the editors of the weekly American, Will H. Watson and Roman E. Koehler. They promise an up-do-date local daily for Donora and one which will be a credit to the town and to the upper Monongahela valley.

Electric Sparks

Wednesday was the shortest day of the year, financially as well as otherwise.

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Col. House is going to Europe as an emissary of President Wilson's. Probably he is going to see that Ford and his crowd don't get their necks wrung.

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Uniontown and Pittsburg papers are rather on the outs. But that's not worth publishing.

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Most any case has a paralled, but when it gets six that's too many.

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Pennsylvania is the home of buckwheat and considering the activity of hungry folk, a determined effort is being made to keep it here.

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Uncle Abner says: "There is no use trying to argue with any feller who is strongminded enough to wear a derby."

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The trouble with many vaudeville people is that they don't get a first-class act and then act it.

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Abe Martin says: "Practice makes perfect, but jest th' same th' feller who only shoots off his mouth once in awhile allus hits th' mark."

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From latest reports General Villa has decided he will not take over either Mexico or the United States and has almost given up taking over that last mountain pass he wanted.

A Great Christmas Sale of Clothing for

DAD AND THE BOYS

"Dress up" men, Christmas should find you garbed anew! Here are "Fashion Clothes" made by Rosenberg Brothers at Fashion Park, Rochester; "High Art" Clothes made by Strouse & Brothers, Baltimore. And for the boys we have the National Boy's suit "Woolwear" with it's many special features.

Men's Suits & Overcoats
Some models here whose equals you'll not see elsewhere priced 5.00 higher **$10**

Men's Suits & Overcoats
Much Greater Values
Distinguished by superior style, tailoring and woolens. Models extreme or conservative, lively or dignified **$15**

Men's Suits & Overcoats
Our Very Best
The finest from America's best makers of men's clothes Exclusive in appearance and reality **$20**

MEN'S ROBES.
Bath house and bath robe styles.
Robes of wool blanket cloth, silk cord trimmed. Coats of fine double-faced cloth, with slippers to match ....$3 to $10.00

MEN'S TIES.
Great Xmas Sale of Men's Ties.
We believe that no assortment of neckwear ever brought together by any house has equaled this one in variety or quality.

Men's Neckwear in all styles 25c to $1.50 each and put up in nice Gift Boxes.

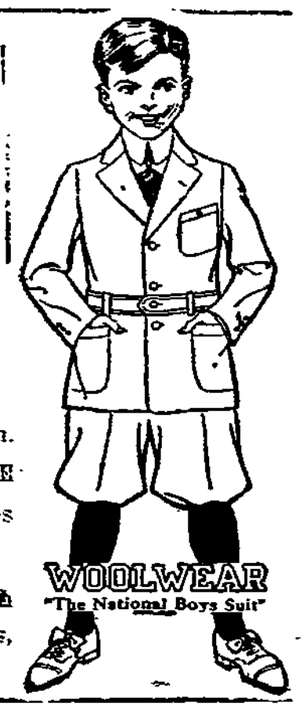
BOY'S MACKINAWS.
New shawl or convertable collar models. Sizes 6 to 18, $3.50 to $7.00.
Boy's Mackinaw Outfits, coat, hat and leggins to match. Ages 2 1-2 years to 6 ....$5

Men's Handkerchief's
Both in Initial and Plain Linen. Put up in Christmas boxes.
Just arrived, a new assortment of the pure linen initial handkerchiefs in 15c and 25c qualities.

Boy's Suits & Overcoats
Mothers (as well as fathers) could choose no better gift for a lad than these suits and overcoats.

The Overcoats
All wool dark or light grey and navy blue chinchillas; fancy mixed overcoatings, button to the neck and convertable collar models. Sizes 3 to 10. $3.50 to $8.00

"Woolwear Suits"
Are the talk of the own. Norfolk coats with all their special features at $5.00.
Other suits, some with two pair of trousers, priced $2.50 to $8.00.



Don't fret. Don't worry. There's still plenty of time to do your holiday shopping both conveniently and advantageously. If you do it here. Here stocks are still complete and assortments large, in spite of the immense trade we have had the past few weeks. Here you can still select any gifts you may have on your lists for friends or relatives—if you do it now. So if you wish to save time, trouble and money and make sure of avoiding disappointment to yourself or those you wish to remember, come to the great Christmas store.

J. W. Berryman & Son

WHO IS THE BOY THAT WILL WIN THIS SUIT?

HELLO BOYS! Here is another offer for the best model made from an ERECTOR outfit sold by this store.

WE WILL GIVE ONE OF OUR BEST BOYS SUITS. It is absolutely free, and your chance is just as good as that of any other boy.

Note particularly that this is our offer, and this suit will go to some boy here, and no one can enter except they purchase their Outfit or Accessory Outfit at this store.

You can enter this contest and also the national contest. Our contest closes March 1st, 1916. National contest ends January 1st, 1916.

ERECTOR OUTFITS sell at $1.00, $2.00, $3.00, $5.00, $7.50, $10.00. We can procure outfits also at $15.00 and $25.00; also all the needed extra pieces.

We will make other interesting announcements later.

Get your Erector Outfits here and enter both contests

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PICKED UP IN PASSING

"Your honor," declared Officer McPherson, "I heard an awful yellin' back in the wagon yard, and when I get there this man was beatin' his wife."

Judge Broyles turned sharply on the prisoner, a tall, gaunt farmer, with clay-colored complexion.

"Is this true? Were you beating your wife, sir?" the judge demanded.

"Yes, yer honor."

"How did you come to do it?"

"Lord knows jedge. For 20 years she allus wuz th' one what did th' beatin', but I jest happened to catch her when she wasn't feelin' right."
—Case and Comment.

In the Family's Money department in the January American Magazine is the following:

"In 1836 in a little town in New Hampshire was born a little boy who was named for his grandmother. The grandfather, being a man of moderate means, yet wishing to acknowledge this honor, deposited $5 in a savings bank in the baby's name. This amount was never disturbed and the interest soon compounded. The original little old blue bank book was sent in and the interest added every few years.

"When this account was about seventy years old it was given over to a grandson of the same name, and now he has had it for several years. The same bank book was sent on in the spring of 1915 to be made up, and the sum in the bank now amounted to over $187. The present owner feels great pride in the age and growth of the account, and it will doubtless always be an incentive to him to put aside even small deposits.

Boys Take Notice.

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Large line of men's shirts $1.00 to $5. R. O. Vetter. 159-t5.

Suits Cleaned $1.00. R. O. Vetter. 159-t5

TERPSICHOREAN MAY BE A LOST ART

Interest in Dancing Waning, as Various Ones Have Been Discovering—New Dances are Given as Cause—Connellsville Arranging.

Is the terpsichorean art losing its grip? Is the tango or the fox trot or the what not going out of style. Such would appear to be the case in many parts of western Pennsylvania, Charleroi included. As a scheme for financial gain or as a 50-50 proposition the invitation dance or the public ball is not finding the favor it used to find, and the movies are getting the crowds

In Connellsville the annual military ball of Company D. N. G. P., which had become to be the principal society event of the year in Fayette county has gone the way of other select dances. A year ago the company lost a goodly sum and the condition of finances will not permit a repetition this New Year's eve. Instead the company will give a dance to which the public is invited and try to make out.

Park managers last summer discovered a waning interest in the dance the country over and explained the cause as being the new dances.

Complete line of Bath robes. R. O. Vetter. 159-t5

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COAL

For prompt delivery call Frank Bly, Maple Creek phone.

PLATE GLASS PLANTS TO RESUME UP THE ALLEGHENY

Announcement was made Wednesday that the No. 1 plant of the Pittsburg Plate Glass company in Creighton would resume operations early next year. The plant, employing 875 men was closed down last March. The No. 2 plant in Tarentum had been closed down previously. Owing to large demands in the plate glass market there are reports, not confirmed officially, that No. 2 plant will resume not later than February 1. There is no rumor that the Charleroi plant will be operated in full.

Miss Viola Wilson and Miss Mildred Snyder left Thursday for a ten days visit with the latter's grandmother, in Pittsburg.

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EXCEPTIONS FILED IN ALLOWANCE TO WIDOW

Settlement of Hilton Estate at Monongahela Still Before Court—Two Woman Claimants.

In the estate of Wallace J. Hilton, late of Monongahela, which is in litigation due to the fact that two women, claimants to be the legal widows of the deceased, exceptions to the allowance of the widow's interest in estate to one Sarah Hilton, as widow, have been filed. The matter has been put on the argument list. The question raised was first threshed out before the auditor who recognized Sarah Hilton, who was reputed to be the lawful wife of Hilton at the time of his death.

One of our best boy's suits free, if one of the first three prizes in the great Erector contest comes from an outfit sold by this store. Berryman's. 155t6

J. EWING BAILEY DIES AT HOME NEAR CARMICHAELS

Widely Known Greene Countian Succumbs to Cancer of the Stomach From Which He Suffered a Year.

After suffering for the past year from cancer of the stomach, but having been seriously ill only since about the first of November, J. Ewing Bailey of Cumberland township, near Carmichaels and one of the best known men in Greene county died at his home at 8 o'clock Wednesday aged 59 years. When Mr Bailey's true condition was realized about the first of last month, he went to Pittsburg to consult a specialist, but was told nothing could be done to save his life because of the advanced stage of the disease. The decline was rapid from that time until his death. Mr. Bailey had many friends in Charleroi

Christmas Fun On a Warship

"If I can't be at my own home," remarked a navy officer the other day, "I'd rather spend the holiday season on a vessel down in the Caribbean than in the greatest city of the land. Don't? Why, you don't know what fun is until you come to one of our celebrations!"

He told of many such celebrations, beginning with a musical comedy given by the crew of a protected cruiser off a South American port, winding up with a Christmas tree. It was a big tree, too, one that anybody might have envied, and the sailors had made a trip ran [illegible] on the previous day. From every branch there hung gifts for the diners.

Just as the big tree was fastened into place there appeared through the high window a real Santa Claus.

Down a chimney-like opening he crawled, finally leaping upon the table with such force that half a dozen glasses went crashing to the floor. Amid the applause Santa Claus proceeded to award the presents

Christmas Coming

Christmas is comin'! I hear it a-buzzin'
Up thru ther chimbly place outer ther flue!
Turkeys are smellin' it; old hens are tellin' it;
Every one's feelin' it plumb thru an' thru!

Rub up ther andirons, keep 'em a-shinin';
Scour up ther pewter an' copper an' brass.
Fetch out ther kittle with porcelain lurin'
An' pick up ther quinces fer turn inter sass.

Look up ther Christmas green, hang up ther holly;
Nail up ther mistletoe over ther door.
Every one's goin' fer perk up an' be jolly,
Jest as we allus hev done here-tofore.

'Tain't no use thinkin' of trouble an' sorrer;
Things that's gone by ain't no place in our hearts.
Christmas is comin' a week frum termorrer,
An' right frum this minnit ther frolickin' starts!

—Lurana Sheldon.

Sleds! Sleds!! Sleds!!!

Another big shipment just in—fine steering sleds $1.00 to $1.50. Kirk & Clark. 162-t2

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Winding Toys.

Clever Clockwork toys 25c to $1.00. Kirk and Clark. 162-t2

"OLD DOG TRAY" IN BUSINESS

Valuable Man Who Was Discharged Because He Was Not "Aggressive."

In the American Magazine there appeared an account of a business man who lost his job for a reason that has thrown thousands of men out of work. The story is typical of a certain type of business man who will never get ahead in spite of his perseverance

"Frank Emerson was not a brilliant man, and he knew it," says the writer. 'Industry and fidelity rather than unusual ability had won for him a position of responsibility and a salary of $3,000 a year. His own frugality and the excellent management of his wife had given them their home and had provided Mabel with a college education. He had worked for the Acme mills for a quarter of a century. He knew the trade as he knew his own street and was familiar with every detail of credit and billing and shipping. Experience had ripened his judgment, and in his way he was a valuable man. But he did not bring business to the Acme mills, and it is the business getters who count in the crises. Besides, he was one of those unaggressive workers who come to be taken as a matter of course and whose true value may be overlooked in a mass of routine. At any rate, now that the crisis had come, it seemed possible for the mills, with their decreased output, to dispense with his services, and the decision appeared to be final.

"For a man of fifty-four, whose sole business experience has tended to make him valuable to one concern only, and who realizes his own limitations, such an event becomes a decided catastrophe."

HUMOR IN THE NEWSPAPER

Little Things That Get Away From Even the Eyes of the Most Watchful Editor.

Sometimes a bit of unconscious humor survives even the watchful eyes of the editors Recently an account of an unusually fierce fight came into the Atlanta office of a great news-gathering organization. After the ordeal of the blue pencil it was sent out over the wires to the various newspapers on the "southern division" of the Associated Press.

The item recounted the details of a fight between two persons in a rural community. Their weapons, according to the story, were a scythe, a corn knife, a shovel and a butcher knife.

After enumerating the details of the encounter the dispatch concluded: "It is thought that the two men had some sort of misunderstanding."

That was quite as convincing as the comment made by the editor of a rural paper in Maine on the arrest of a young man who was caught climbing out of the cellar window of a certain house with a valise filled with silverware, jewelry and other articles of value.

"It is believed," said the newspaper account of his arrest, "that evidence may be found that will lead to his conviction."

What a Girl Can Do.

One of the authorities was asked whether a girl can love two men at the same time. Probably not. But she can give a sufficiently lifelike imitation of the passion to fool both of the men.—Topeka Capital.

Largest line of Neckwear in city 50c, $1.00, $1.50, $2.00. R. O Vetter 159-t5.

END OF NELSON'S FINE FLEET

Ships of Great English Admiral Finished Their Careers in More or Less Glorious Manner.

Of the ships which played their part in the great years of Nelson's life one perished before the Battle of Trafalgar, and the others, with the exception of the Victory and the Foudroyant, outlived Nelson by a very few years. The Minerva was wrecked near Cherbourg in 1803 while chasing a French frigate. It was in her that Nelson fought his brilliant single-ship action with a Spanish frigate in 1796, and it was in her that he cemented his friendship with Hardy by refusing, though in danger of capture, to leave the spot where Hardy had sprung overboard to save a seaman.

Nelson had two flagships in the Baltic—the St. George and the Elephant. The former went ashore off Jutland in a fearful gale on Christmas Eve, 1811, only 12 hands being saved. The latter was broken up in 1817, together with the Vanguard, Nelson's flagship at the Nile. The Agamemnon foundered in Maldonado bay in 1809. Four years later, the Captain, in which Nelson fought at St. Vincent, was destroyed by fire when moored at Devonport. The last to go was Nelson's flagship in the Mediterranean, the Foudroyant, which went down near Blackpool in 1897—101 years after her baptism of fire.

CONSULT TASTES IN EATING

Writer Decries Custom of Forcing Children to Partake of Dishes Which They Dislike.

In thorough accord with the views of certain authorities who believe, with limitations, that people are better off if they eat what they like is the following letter printed in the Woman's Home Companion:

"I am constrained to protest against the advice given mothers to oblige their children to eat food which they dislike. Most grown people have their likes and dislikes, and if it were a punishment to them to eat a despised article, how much more so it is to a child to whom small troubles loom as tragedies! The child's distaste should not be discussed, simply ignored until he has forgotten how much he hated a certain article. There are so many good and nourishing things, that if one is fancied disliked, how much better to substitute something else thereby avoiding issues and friction, which everyone knows are harmful to a child's nerves and health, and disposition as well. And as for letting a child go without his needed nourishment till next meal if he refuses one article—the injustice of it is too apparent to need comment."

Bullet Wounds in Stomach.

In some experiments with bullet wounds it was determined that when a hollow organ, such as the stomach, is perforated by a bullet it sustains more damage if it contains fluid than if empty. The author fired a 0.303 bullet at a sheep's stomach, in the one case when it was full of water, and in the other case when it was empty, with following results: The aperture in each wall of the empty organ was 0.2 inches; the aperture in the first wall of the full stomach was also 0.2 inches, but that in the second wall was 0.7 inches. From this it follows that a man hit after a full meal would have less chance of recovery than had this occurred when the organ was empty. Bullet wounds of the lung, provided no large vessels are touched, are seldom fatal in man or beast.

By Proxy.

A matron was confiding her domestic troubles to a friend.

"I find," said she, "that my husband has charged someone in his office with the duty of calling me up every afternoon to mumble terms of endearment. That's a pretty way to treat one's wife, isn't it? He's been spending his afternoons at the club."

"How was it," asked the friend, "that you didn't at once notice that it wasn't his voice that called?"

"Well," explained the aggrieved wife, "I've been pretty busy with bridge every day, and I've been having the maid answer the telephone."—New York Times.

Dead Joke.

There is a station on an English railway called "Bury-St.-Edmunds." Toole, the actor, who took any pains for a joke, dressed in deep black, went to the station master and asked for a ticket for "the funeral train." The station master looked at the little actor, who was wiping tearful eyes, and who carried a large wreath. "Wot funeral, there ain't no funeral," the station master said. "Then it's a swindle, an imposition," Toole said, with fiery indignation. "I have come miles to be at the funeral. Why do you announce that you are going to bury St. Edmunds?"

Had Swallowed Bullets.

During an incidental operation in the abdomen of a patient at Swansea (Wales) hospital, the surgeons observed that the appendix was remarkably long, though not inflamed. Investigation showed that it was full of "bird shot." Forty-two small lead pellets, weighing altogether one dram eight grains, were removed. The patient later said he had been accustomed to eating frequently rabbits which had been shot. In the course of his gastronomic treats he had unconsciously swallowed the small bullets. He recovered.

Last Minute Suggestions from CLAYBAUGH--MILLIKEN

"THE USEFUL GIFT STORE"

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Men's Slippers, Romeo, Everett and Opera Cuts and Indian Moccasins.

Men's New Style Dress Shoes in Tan, Black and Wine Colors. All widths AA to EE.

Ladies 9½ in. Lace High Cuts, the very latest.

The Dutchess Boot for Ladies in Button, 7 inch top. Very New.

Growing Girls Gypsy and Patent Shoes with White Buttons. Nifty numbers.

Misses and Children's Slippers, Felt and Indian Moccasins.

Children's Pebble Leg Gum Boots. Sizes from 6 infants, to 2 Misses. Also Ladies'.

Men's and Ladies' Pack Flat Traveling Slippers.

Ladies' Boudoir Slippers, Kid or Felt. All sizes and Colors.

Children's Gypsy Boots with White Buttons Sizes 8½ to 2.

Soft Sole Shoes for the Baby. The most complete line in the valley.

Please the Boy. A pair of High Cuts.

Children's Patent Leather Shoes. Coth tops, white stitched with white buttons.

Slipper soles. All sizes.

Xmas Problems Solved Here.

Claybaugh and Milliken

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CHARLEROI BROWNSVILLE

HARD TO ESTIMATE CROWD

Few Civilians Are Able to Give Numbers of a Gathering—Army Officers Tell Secret.

It is remarkable how the average civilian overestimates the number of persons in a big procession. Take for example, the recent demonstration in London. It was said that there were 15,000 men in line and some enthusiasts put it even at 20,000. But it is easy to estimate such numbers approximately, says London Tit Bits. Here is the rule as laid down in the "Field Service Regulations" of the United States army:

"The strength of a body of troops may be estimated from the length of time it takes to pass a given point. Assuming that infantry in column of fours occupies half a yard per man, cavalry one yard per trooper and artillery in single column per gun or caisson, a given point would be passed in one minute by about 175 infantry, 110 cavalry at a walk, 200 cavalry at a trot and five guns or caissons."

Allowing for spacing between companies, battalions and regiments, all of which is according to mathematical rule, it takes a regiment of 1,000 men divided into battalions just ten minutes to pass, or at the rate of 6,000 an hour. And this supposes no breaks in the line.

These rules, it must be remembered, are for trained soldiers used to a long step and to keeping up without straggling. No civilians, even militant suffragettes, ever kept or could keep up this pace.

PROLONG LIFE OF FLOWERS

French Florists Are Particularly Clever in Their Methods of Preservation of Freshness.

The instruments used by the French florists to prolong the life of cut flowers and remove imperfections are as numerous and delicate as those on a well-equipped dressing-table. They include scissors of all sizes and shapes, small cutting pliers and pincers of many kinds, brushes, atomizers, sprays and bottles containing various gums. A withered leaf or even one poorly developed ruins the appearance of a rosebud, consequently the one is cut off, and the other, if possible, is reshaped. The buds are also pierced as near the base of the flower as possible with minute wires which keep the leaves in place. An instrument very similar to a curling iron is used to dress a faulty leaf.

One of the means employed to prolong the life of the flower is to remove the anthers, so as to prevent the spreading of the pollen, for, if fertilization is allowed to take place, the flower has fulfilled its mission and soon fades. In flowers of the lily order the anthers are removed for still another reason. They develop such an abundance of yellow pollen that it falls and taints the leaves, thus marring the spotless white beauty of the flower. The stems of flowers that begin to hang their heads are placed in very hot water for about five minutes and then are placed in a dark and cool place for about an hour.

Where Her Thoughts Were.

Upon the attainment of my seventy-second birthday one of my daughters gave me a complimentary dinner in the evening at her residence, inviting all the members of our family. Her two bright children were allowed to "sit up" in honor of the occasion.

The children, evidently coached by their parents, met me on my arrival, the little boy saying gleefully, "Many happy returns of the day, grandpa."

The little girl, with a backward glance toward their pretty table, her big blue eyes dancing in happy anticipation of the coming feast, said: "I think we should say many happy returns of the night, grandpa."—Exchange.

Compulsory.

A certain amateur aviator talked recently about a flying trip with a professional, when he fell 1,200 feet into the water without knowing it.

"I wasn't frightened," he said with a smile. "I thought that our swift descent was a piece of fancy flying. I am, in fact, as ignorant of aviation as the little boy was ignorant of history.

"'Describe the Order of the Bath,' his teacher asked this little boy.

"'It's very ancient,' he answered. 'It goes back to the time when they didn't take no baths except by order.'"

That Secret.

Katherine and Margaret found themselves seated next each other at a dinner party and immediately became confidential.

"Molly told me that you told her that secret I told you not to tell her," whispered Margaret.

"Oh, isn't she a mean thing?" gasped Katherine. "Why, I told her not to tell you!"

"Well," returned Margaret, "I told her I wouldn't tell you she told me—so don't tell her I did."

Tree Owns Itself.

There is a tree in Athens, Ga., which owns itself. It has a deed to eight feet of ground on all sides of its trunk.

The tree formerly was owned by W. H. Jackson. To prevent its ever being cut down, Mr. Jackson executed a deed making the tree owner of the ground around it.

This deed is on file in Athens. It is the only one of its sort in the world.

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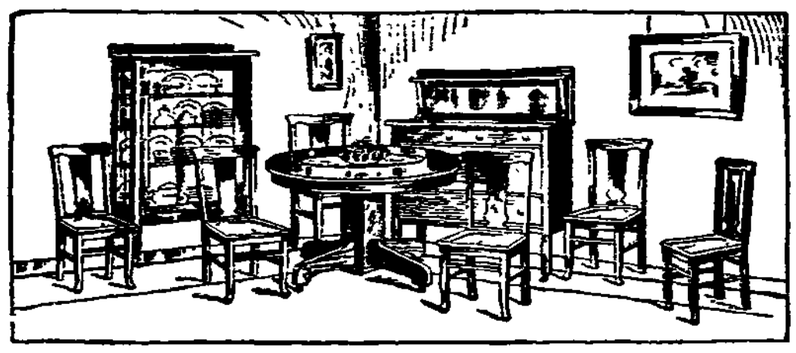

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SANTA CLAUS alive and hearty will be in our window every evening at 8 o'clock.

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The Birds' Plea

Dear kiddies, Christmas will soon be here,
The happiest time of all the year.
While you are enjoying your Christmas toys
And your little hearts filled with Christmas joys,
Please think of the wee birds out in the snow,
Where cruel winds whistle and fiercely blow.
Our home is the air; our roof is the sky;
When we've nothing to eat we freeze and die.
Dear kiddies, you live in houses so warm,
Sheltered from cold and the blinding storm.
You'll have "merry Christmas" and plenty to eat.
Oh, please give your little bird friends a treat!
We're so hungry. Dear little kiddies, please
Hang us some Christmas out on the trees.

YOUR LITTLE BIRD FRIENDS.

Christmases In Various Lands

DEVONSHIRE, England, noted for its apples, boasts a curious custom. On Christmas eve the farmer and his son stand beneath the oldest and best apple tree, both bearing a jug of cider, and sing a certain folk song.

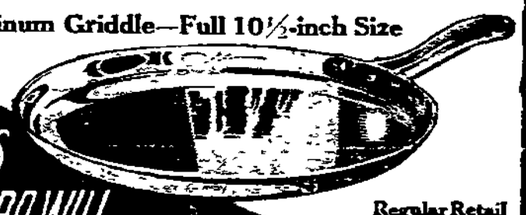
After passing the cider jug around they betake themselves home to a good supper and much merrymaking.

The Jamaica negroes collect all bits of odds and ends of finery with which to array themselves on Christmas eve and, choosing a king and queen, follow these leaders about, making as much noise as possible.

The custom of giving gifts at Christmas came not from the presents of gold and silver given to the Christ Child, as many believe, but from an old custom of priests putting on board of all outgoing ships a box of alms.

The box was opened at Christmas tide and masses said for the givers of the alms.

Solid Aluminum Griddle—Full 10½-inch Size



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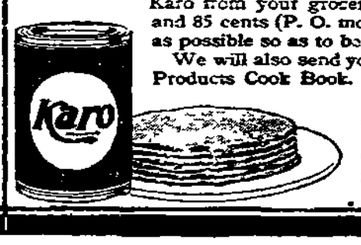
If you haven't sent for your griddle already, get 50 cents worth of Karo from your grocer today, and send us the labels and 85 cents (P. O. money order or stamps) as quickly as possible so as to be sure of getting yours.

We will also send you free a copy of the famous Corn Products Cook Book. Put your order in as early as possible—for the griddles are going fast.



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Bits of Byplay

By Luke McLuke

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In Which a Slanderous Error Is Corrected.

I would like to correct a mistake which I made in the Hon. Bird Lewis review. It was not the prayer meetings lately started here were the first ever started in the history of Pleasant Grove. That is the way I was informed by some one, but that is not the case, as I have learned since from an old citizen of this place that there have been prayer meetings at Pleasant Grove long before this. I regret making such a mistake, but I am glad to right the wrong. This mistake is too bad to stand on our respected neighborhood uncorrected. It takes a steady hand and lots of hard thinking in a community to write up the neighborhood news in the right way.—Russellville (Ark.) Democrat.

You Know Him.

He wears a No. 12 hat,
And grammar he can sling,
But he's so crammed with knowledge that
He doesn't know a thing.

Described.

"What kind of a man is Smith?" asked Jones.

"Oh, he's one of those fellows who never know where they are going until they get there," replied Brown.

Wuff!

When we got drunk on liquor red,
Pink elephants danced round his bed,
But when on milk punch he got stewed,
White were the elephants he viewed.

Paw Knows Everything.

Willie—Paw, what is contentment?

Paw—Contentment is having more than you can possibly use, my son.

No Joke.

A mighty pretty girl is she,
But I will put you wise;
She may look like a peach and be
A lemon in disguise.

Lucky Girl.

Dear Luke—Erna Dollar sings in the choir in the Ypsilanti (Mich.) M. E. church.—G. E. K.

Shortest Short Stories.

Chapter I—Ill.
Chapter II—Pill.
Chapter III—Bill.
—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Chapter I—Jug.
Chapter II—Jag.
Chapter III—Jugged.
—Columbia State.

Ouch!

Dear Luke—I. Sticker is a ladies' tailor in Louisville.—Miss L.

Sure You Do.

The world may be quite kind to you,
But it is a safe bet
That you think you're entitled to
A lot more than you get.

Quick, Doc, the Pulmotor!

Dear Luke—Arkansaw Idaho in the garden. I heard Alaska fellow how about the rope used by the hunter to Colorado, and he said old man Connecticut it from a clothes line belonging to Mississippi. Where has Oregon? That is easy—I heard him tell Kansas I was passing by that he is trying to find out who Rhode Island in the steeplechase.—A. J. M.

Correct.

The bass drum player makes most noise,
But he can't lead the band.
The quiet fellows are the boys
In front in every land.

Well, Well!

Dear Luke—Ona Nation runs a shop at Muncie Ind.—Reader

Things to Worry About.

One-third of the whole length of a whale is taken up by its head.

Names Is Names.

Ike Knut runs a shoe store at Bismarck, N. D

Our Daily Special.

We all want to know the truth, but few of us want to tell it.

Luke McLuke Says:

It wouldn't be hard to be content with little if nobody had any more.

If a girl happens to have a millionaire for a father nobody pays any attention to her freckles.

It is all right to be sure you are right. But do not be so sure you are right that you imagine every one else is wrong.

Of course it is none of our business. But, on the level, how long has it been since you kissed your wife? One of the finest ways to avoid buying new motorcars for divorce lawyers is to give your wife a good, old fashioned hug every now and then and to tell her what a fine old girl she is. She may pretend to think that you are foolish, but your demonstration of affection will make her a happier and more contented woman.

Our idea of cruel and unusual punishment is for a judge to sentence a member of the I. W. W. to a term at hard labor.

Lots of orators who stand up for American womanhood at a banquet never think of it when they are in a crowded street car.

The trouble with living in a small, thin walled flat is that there is no way to hide the family skeleton.

Words do not mean anything. An authority on entomological research is nothing but a bug expert.

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Nothing more useful or appropriate than

Shoes or Slippers

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Thoughts for Christmas

This was the chorus of that heavenly anthem which fell upon the shepherds' ears and which will ring down the centuries till the end of time: "Gloria in excelsis Deo—peace on earth, good will toward men."

* *

May Christ's glory illumine every home and cradle, every workshop and counting house! May a brighter halo than the painters put around his head surround every mother and babe throughout the land at this Christmastide!

Pretty Dutch Christmas Custom.

In Holland a pretty custom exists. On the night before Christmas, in commemoration of the star of the east, the young men of the town assemble and carry through the dark streets a large, bright star. All the people go out to greet it and give to the bearers of the "star of Bethlehem," as it is called, alms for the poor.

The Manger of The Blessed Babe

TRADITION tells us that within the stone manger, which may now be seen in the Chapel of the Nativity at Jerusalem, there was another of wood. It is also stated that the stone manger which attracts the interest of every visitor to Jerusalem was the outer one, and within it was incased the second. That humble stone trough in the Holy City is splendid and beautiful, with white marble, soft, rich, costly draperies and radiant with a silver star.

But yet more glorious and interesting is the wooden manger which may be seen in the city of Rome. It is held that this is the veritable manger in which the Christ Child lay. It was removed to Rome during the seventh century during the Mohammedan invasion of the Holy Land, and there it is preserved in a strong brazen chest, from which it is brought forth on Christmas days, when it is placed upon exhibition.

∴THE∴ XMAS STORE

It is the wish of everyone to give something for Christmas Gifts that will please, satisfy and be entirely acceptable.

The problem of what to give may be easily solved by a visit to this store. You will find it filled with attractive and practicle articles for gifts. Things you would like to have or receive yourself—useful gifts that will be appreciated long after the Holiday season.

Everything is so reasonably priced that you'll find a quick and economical solution of what to give that will be truly appreciated.

Come in and look as long and as often as you wish—come early while the choosing is at its best.

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It is Never Too Late at this Big Store. Eleventh Hour Shopper Invited

Every preparation has been made to care for the largest crowd ever in this big store---the busy man and woman who could not come sooner will find here assortments of most suitable articles for gift purposes. We've prepared our stocks fully expecting the biggest business ever done by this store. The last Rush is on---plenty of extra help---stocks clean and inviting---yes, it is never too late at this store. Come when you can and we'll supply your needs.

LINENS AND BED SPREADS

Last days are busy ones and these will interest you and save you money.

$1.00 ALL LINEN DAMASKS
This is the old price on table linen—Better buy now.

$1.50 ALL LINEN DAMASK
This is our heaviest and best Damask and just the thing for Christmas giving.

$2.00 MERCERIZED TABLE CLOTHS
These come in pretty design.

TABLE CLOTHS AND NAPKINS TO MATCH
$4.00, $5.00, $6.00, $7.50, $10, $12.50 $15

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to suit every want—$1.00, $1.50, $2.00, $2.50, $3.00, $3.50, $4.00 and $5.00.

PLAIN-CUT COVERS
Fringed or scalloped doilies, center pieces, scarfs and squares.

CHRISTMAS UMBRELLAS
They have borrowed your umbrella long enough—fix that habit today. Buy an Umbrella and present it for Christmas. That's the only to fix the borrowing habit.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S UMBRELLAS
in all the grades with a fine assortment of handles but for Christmas we commend ou special values at $2.00, $2.50, $3.00, $3.50, and $5.00

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It would not be Christmas without books—We have the right kind of books for boys and girls—also for the little children at 10c, 25c, and 50c.

REPRINTS
These are all copies of books that formerly sold at $1.35 to $1.50.
All popular reprints of our best known books. Price 50c
Over 150 different subjects—buy your Buy your books today. Big assortment.

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It has been a remarkable winter for Underwear and we have been fairly successful in filling all wants. Now comes Christmas, and don't forget that a warm body makes a warm heart—who are you going to remember. Look around.
Fleeced vests and pants for children each 25c
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100 DOLLAR UNION SUITS
At this price we show three different makes and in a lot of different shapes—all good.

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Fine wool woolen vests for baby.

WOMEN'S $1.00 SILK HOSE
We have still a big stock of Kayser Silk Hose in several of the best grades.
Our popular Silk Hose sell at $1.00
Kayser Silk Hose at .....$1.50 and $2.00
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Gift Suggestions

Ladies' bath robes & slippers
Ladies' plush coats
Ladies' furs
Misses' & children's furs
Children's winter coats
Children's winter dresses
Ladies' silk dresses
Ladies' dressing sacques & kimonas
Ladies' lingerie waists
Ladies' fancy silk and chiffon waists
Ladies' tailor made suits
Down comfortables
Fine wool blankets
Beautiful baby comforts
Baby hoods and caps
Baby dresses, sacques, booties
Girls toques, tams and scarfs
Old fashioned wool shawls
Knitted sweaters and hoods
White aprons
Night gowns and skirts
Brassiers and corset covers
Silk stockings
Wool stockings
Mittens, gloves, veils
Toilet cases and manicure sets
Ladies' neckwear, ruffs
Marabout muffs and scarfs
Middy ties, middy waists
Kid gloves, silk gloves
Handkerchiefs, linen, swiss, crepe de chene
Stamped linens—doilies, squares
Cusnions, cords, curtains
China, vases, bric a brac
Ladies' and children's umbrellas
Leather bags, jewel cases
Sewing baskets, sweet grass baskets
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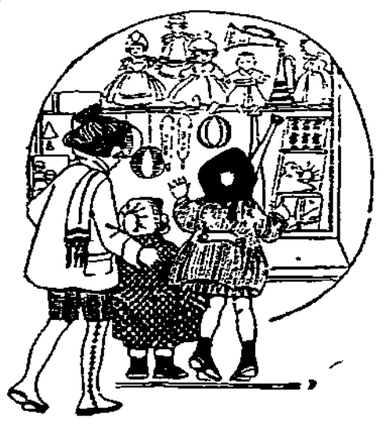

THE CROWDS SURGE TO TOYLAND

Our big bright booming Toyland Basement has surely caught the crowd—little ones and big have been pleased. We still have a wonderful assortment of Iron Toys, Trains, Games, Moving Picture Machines, Erector Outfits, Dolls, Tool Chests, Umakem Outfits, Doll Beds, Dishes and hundreds of things of interest to children.

COME HERE FOR TOYS

Big values in Toys, Sleds, Blackboards, Lead Soldiers, Books, Handkerchiefs, Children's Rockers $1.00, 1.50 and 2.00. This big store is keeping right on the jump—and will stay here ready to serve you until late Friday night. It is never too late. Come here we will find you something. This store has enjoyed a wonderful Christmas trade. We thank you heartily and wish one and all a **Merry Christmas.**

CHRISTMAS IN READY-TO WEAR

We can hardly conceive of any gift that would carry more joy and comfort than a nice new winter Coat or Suit.
Ladies' and Misses' tailor-made suits About 40 suits that go now at a big reduction and they are so new and stylish They are suits to please. Prices cut to $10.00, $12.50 and $15.
Ladies', Misses' and Children's Coats are selling very fast and we give a Christmas Reduction on all these coats except plush—big line of Children's and Junior Coats.
Plush Coats of right quality, plush has advanced awfully—all on hand will go at old prices.

NEW SILK PETTICOATS
Just received a new lot of petticoats at $3.00, $3.50, $4.00, and $5.00

FURS
It is fur time—better come today.
Ladies', Misses' and Children's Furs

DOWN COMFORTS AND BLANKETS
It's Blanket Time at Christmas time and you would be surprised how many people prefer to give good Blankets.
We recommend our old reliable line of all-wool Blankets at $4.00, $5.00, $6.00 to $8.00.
Just arrived in time for Christmas

DOWN COMFORTS
Very pretty covers at $7.50 and $8.00.
Very pretty Comforts at $2.00 $2.50, $3.00, $3.50 and $4.00.
Beautiful Comforts for Baby's Christmas at $1.50.

WORK TOYS FOR BOYS
Erector—Umaken—Manual Training Sets
ERECTOR is the Boy's greatest Toy—Its like structural steel and wonderful prizes are offered the boy making best model—These sets run $1.00, $2.00, $3.00, $5.00, $7.50 and $10.

UMAKEM
that is you make them yourself—a fine saw holder with which you can design and easily saw out in wood many interesting and unmatching things.

MANUAL TRAINING SETS.
all intended for the beginner in manual training school. All sorts of tools in fine chest, $1.75 to $2.50.

TRAINS
Trains—the kind of wind up trains that every boy likes—the best engines produced—Prices for engines and trains, $1.00, $1.50, $1.75, $2.00 and $2.50.

THE CENTIMERI GLOVE
Keep on coming for gloves. Buy them for Christmas—if you don't know the size, instruct not to try them on and we will give the correct size.

OUR CAPITAL REAL LAMBKIN GLOVES
Black, white and tan $1.25

OUR FLORINE REAL KID SKINS
Black, white and colors, our best glove,

THE SCHOENHUT
Have you seen it? It is all wood—It is very beautiful. The children love them—the best thing out in dolls—can do most everything but talk. Prices $3.00, $3.50, $4.00 and $4.50.

LEATHER GOODS
Just received another shipment of Leather goods—Hand Bags and Pursess—Special values at 50c, $1.00, $1.50, $2.00, $2.50 to $5.00.

—AND YET THERE IS TIME---COME TODAY—

STORE CLOSED ALL DAY SATURDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY

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FOR RENT—Front room suitable for two gentlemen. Inquire 636 Mail 155-tf

FOR RENT—Two furnished front rooms for light housekeeping. Inquire 636 Mail. 155-tf

WANTED—Middle aged man for all around work. Apply Elks club. 159-tf

WANTED—Experienced hotel waitress. $6 a week and room and board. None but experienced need apply. Fifth Avenue Hotel, Monessen. 1 56-t6

LOST—Ameythyst broach on Tuesday. Reward if returned to 656 Mail. 162-t2

TWO RESIDENTS

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failed rapidly. The arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed. Mr. Leonard was born February 29, 1840 at Graysville, Greene county.

William J. Waldon a highly respected resident of Washington, where he has always resided, died at his home at No. 116 West Wheeling street about 9 a. m. yesterday. His death was sudden due to a stroke of apoplexy. Born near the spot where he resided nearly all his life on West Wheeling street, in the year 1858. Mr. Waldon grew up with the town, being a familiar figure on the streets for many years while he was actively engaged in business.

Banks Open Friday Evening
The three Charleroi banks will be open Friday evening for the convenience of their patrons, but on Saturday, Christmas day will be closed the entire day.

The Toys For the Boy.
Erector and Model Builders Outfits 50c to $7.50 per set. Kirk and Clark. 162-t2

JURY INQUIRES

(Continued from page one.)
ing. While we are unable to determine the origin we believe that the fact that certain persons who have been allowed to loaf about the building did in a measure make the fire possible."

The jurors were J. D. Hoon, Henry Louttit, Cornelius Carson, Wilson Layman, Clark Wilson and Charles N. Yohe. Witnesses heard were Charles Hill, W. S. Pollock, Dick Donnelly, a brother of the dead man, Charles Campbell, Charles Boyd and Fire Chief George A. Anderson.

Last Call—Just one more day to buy the gifts you have not purchased. Drop in and see the beautiful gifts at Porters, 502 Fallowfield avenue, Charleroi.

PERSONALS

Mrs. S. J. Richardson and daughter Miss Minnie Richardson left Thursday for Cleveland, Ohio, to visit.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Williams went to Fairmont Thursday on a visit.

Cardon and Mac Jimeson are at home from State College to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jimeson of Lincoln avenue.

Miss Marion Benedict has gone to her home at Massillon, Ohio, where she will spend the holidays.

Mrs. C. R. Newcomer and daughter Emily of Fifth street have gone to Brownsville where they will visit over Christmas with relatives.

Clarence Bunting of Youngstown, O., is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clerihue of Washington avenue.

Miss Hazel Williamson a student of Bucknell University is spending the where courteous and competent holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Williamson of Washington avenue.

Gray Gaut was in Pittsburg Thursday to meet his brother John Gaut, who has been attending Williams College at Williamstown, Mass. The latter will spend the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Gaut of the Hotel Walfred.

H. J. Booth of Crest avenue has gone to Detroit on a business trip.

Miss Laura Brown left Wednesday for Toledo, Ohio, where she will visit with relatives.

Miss Ruth Majors of Donora visited in Charleroi Wednesday.